

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 14-16 have been amended. No new matter has been submitted.

Claims 1-29 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC §101

Claims 14-16 stand rejected under 35 USC §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Though the Examiner has helpfully recommended applicants amend the specification, applicants believe the above amendments to claims 14-16 clarify the claimed medium to maintain the same within statutory subject matter. Claims 14-16 have been amended to require the medium to be a structure, and further amended claim 14 to require the structure include the processing instructions to control a processor to execute the further defined speech recognition method. It is respectfully submitted that this structural recitation to control such a processor comply with the corresponding PTO guidelines.

As stated in MPEP 2106, IV(B)(1): "When functional descriptive material is recorded on some computer-readable medium it becomes structurally and functionally interrelated to the medium and will be statutory in most cases since use of technology permits the function of the descriptive material to be realized."

Here, in claims 14-16, the underlying process is statutory and accordingly a medium structure including processing instructions to control of a processor to implement the same is also statutory.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

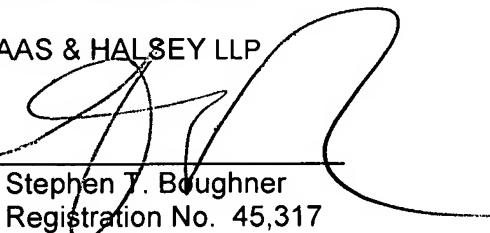
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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